WASHINGTON- Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez issued the following statement following passage of the Republican sponsored budget reconciliation bill in the House of Representatives by a vote of 217-215 late Thursday night.

"Today is a sad day for hardworking Americans. After several postponements, arm twisting and last minute backdoor deals, Republicans finally bullied their way into passing an unconscionable budget. This budget provides tax giveaways for the wealthiest Americans and pays for them out of the pockets of middle class Americans. This budget is fiscally irresponsible it takes food out of the mouths of children, takes healthcare away from people that need it most and crushes the dreams of young people who want to go to college, but now will not be able to afford it. This is the worst example of this Republican Congress' backwards priorities. I could not support this reckless budget because American can do better."